

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/618,603 Confirmation No. : 5348  
First Named Inventor : Naoki MATSUMOTO  
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Examiner : R. K. Dhingra  
  
Docket No. : 101249.52600US  
Customer No. : 23911  
  
Title : Plasma Processing Apparatus

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2006. **An extension of the time period for response to the Office Action is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee is submitted herewith.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.